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Title : METHOD FOR PRODUCING PLANTS HAVING AN INCREASED
TOLERANCE AGAINST DROUGHT AND/OR FUNGAL ATTACK AND/OR
INCREASED SALT CONCENTRATIONS AND/OR EXTREME
TEMPERATURE BY THE EXPRESSION OF PLASMODESMATA-
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application, the time for responding having been extended to March 5, 2003, by the accompanying fee and petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

A substitute specification with corrections as required by the Examiner is submitted under 37 CFR 1.125(a). Applicants request that the substitute specification be entered into the record.

Corrected drawings for Figures 1-8 as required by the Examiner are submitted herewith. Applicants request that corrected drawings be entered into the record.